

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 5, 2008, Applicants re-submit the claim amendments that were originally presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 8, 2005. The Examiner noted that the status of claim 39 in the Preliminary Amendment was omitted. As indicated above, the status of claim 39 is "New."

The claims presented herein are based on the amended claim set that was submitted in the corresponding PCT application on October 28, 2004. Claim 27 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-26 and 28-30 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to further comply with U.S. patent practice. New claims 31-43 have been added. Support for claims 31-43 can be found in the former versions of claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 20, 25, and 26, from which claims 31-43 depend. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, and examination of the claims in Group 1 (claims 1-11 and 28-38) as set forth in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed on June 6, 2008.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent if such would further prosecution. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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